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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (MCHENRY, DONALD F.)

SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR MCHENRY'S TRAVEL

- 1. I THINK IT MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE DON MCHENRY STOP IN LAGOS ON HIS WAY BACK FROM LUANDA. OBASANJO WOULD WELCOME A CURRENT BRIEFING BY DON ON BOTH NAMIBIA AND HIS TRIP TO ANGOLA. WHATEVER PUBLICITY THAT ATTENDED DON'S VISIT WOULD ONCE AGAIN REAFFIRM OUR CONSULTATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH NIGERIA, AND ANY BRIEF STATEMENTS HE MIGHT MAKE ON TRENDS IN US AFRICAN POLICY WOULD BE USEFUL FURTHER EXPOSURE.
- 2. I RECOGNIZE THAT, IN BRIEFING OBASANJO, DON WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO SAY MUCH ABOUT HIS TRIP TO ANGOLA, SINCE HE WOULD NOT EVEN HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO REPORT TO THE CONFIDENTIAL

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DEPARTMENT ON THAT TRIP. HOWEVER, I DO THINK THAT A BRIEFING WOULD BE APPRECIATED BY THE NIGERIANS.

3. WE ARE ASKING THE FRENCH TO TRANSMIT THIS CABLE FOR DON MCHENRY'S INFORMATION IN LUANDA, ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE DEPARTMENT'S AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CONSULTATIONS IN LAGOS CAN BE SENT THROUGH FRENCH CHANNELS FROM

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